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SUBJECT: MESSAGE ON HOST COUNTRY MEETINGS WITH HAMAS  
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REF: A) STATE 27174 B) CARACAS 00492 C) CARACAS 00503

(SBU) After several unsuccessful attempts to deliver ref A in person, Poloff delivered reftel demarche regarding host country guidance for meetings with Hamas representatives to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on March 2 via fax. (Note: The Venezuelan Ministry of Foreign Affairs has increasingly refused to engage in face to face contact with Embassy employees, and with very few exceptions, is extremely reluctant to agree to meetings.) In a follow-up conversation with Third Secretary for North America Robinson Zapata, Zapata said he had no substantive response but agreed to pass talking points to Vice Minister for North America Maria Pilar Hernandez for further consideration.  
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